

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 19, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Don Campbell in the Chair. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Ruby presented a petition from the citizens of the city of Galveston, asking that justices of the peace may have concurrent jurisdiction within the limits of incorporated cities, and authority to locate their offices in the central portion thereof, for the convenience of the people.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Ruby asked that Senator Hertzberg be excused for six days.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate excused him.

Senator Hall presented a petition from the citizens of Robertson county, for an act to establish the county seat of Robertson county at the town of Calvert.

Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Senator Baker introduced a bill entitled "An Act to provide for levying a special tax in Caldwell county, for the purpose of relieving the county from indebtedness and building a county jail."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Priest introduced a bill entitled "An Act to exclude from office, serving on juries, and from the right of voting, certain persons therein named."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill entitled "An Act to establish the jurisdiction and powers of justices' courts in the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Ruby introduced a bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Galveston, Mutual and Life Insurance Association."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Also, a bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Galveston and El Paso Railroad Company."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Communications from the Supreme Court, Secretary of State and

General Land Office, in response to Senate resolution requesting from the heads of departments list of names of employes, their terms of residence in Texas, etc.

Reports read and received.

Senator Ruby introduced a bill entitled "An Act to confer additional authority upon the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Also a bill entitled "An Act to revise and amend an act to incorporate the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company, approved February 7, A. D. 1853."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Saylor introduced a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the New Anhalt Manufacturing Company of Burleson County, Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Mills offered a joint resolution to pay the wife of Colonel N. A. M. Dudley the amount of salary due for Colonel Dudley's services as Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

Senator Fountain moved to suspend the rules.

Rules suspended and resolution put upon its second reading.

Read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senator Ruby moved the resolution be referred to Committee on Finance, with instructions to report to-morrow. Carried.

[General file.]

Report of committee on petition of D. W. Hancock read and recommended.

Senator Mills moved that the report of the Committee on Finance, with joint resolution in the matter of John T. Allen, be referred back to committee. Carried.

Senator Ruby, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Galveston, Houston and Tyler Railway Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By leave Senator Bowers presented petition of C. F. Millett for relief.

Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

[General file resumed.]

House Joint Resolution No. 4, asking the government of the United States to improve the bars at Galveston, Pass Caballo, Arkansas Pass, Sabine Pass and Brazos Santiago. Read first time.

Senator Pickett moved suspension of rules.

Rules suspended, resolution read second time, and on motion of

Senator Ruby, rules suspended and resolution placed on its third reading and final passage.

Read third time and passed.

House Joint Resolution No. 3, asking the Congress of the United States to prevent the Republic of Mexico from harboring certain bands of hostile Indians who devastate the South-Western frontier of Texas. Read first time.

Senator Fountain moved suspension of rules.

Rules suspended, and resolution put upon second reading.

Senator Fountain moved further suspension of rules, and resolution be put upon the third reading and final passage.

Bill read third time and passed.

Under the direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House Senate Bill No. 56; also, House Joint Resolution No. 3, and House Joint Resolution No. 4, with the action of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate adjourned till tomorrow at 12 o'clock, M.